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REGISTRATION FOR NURSES.

The State Registration for Nurses is so just a measure in itself, and fraught with such obvious advantages to the public, that it should only be a matter of time before it is established everywhere. A more fair-minded and distinctly unselfish measure never came under the heading of class legislation, if, indeed, anything so public-spirited deserves to come under that heading at all.

Wherever and whenever the subject of Registration comes up among nurses, they bethink themselves immediately of that nearest, that most parallel case to their own—"the brother profession." "There's such dignity doth hedge a King." That may or may not be true in these democratic days, but certainly there is a very real dignity hedging the Medical Profession, and some very solid powers invested in the Medical Board of British Columbia, by virtue of a Bill pushed through the House. Naturally we feel that our calling, equally as self-abnegatory, equally as indispensable, equally a Profession, deserves equal consideration at the hands of the Legislature.

Its dignity is intrinsic, but nevertheless that dignity should be protected from the base and unscrupulous, the ignorant and the incompetent, by law. We must secure legal powers, as the doctors and dentists, the lawyers and the veterinary surgeons have secured powers, but with the important difference that we demand only to draw a sharp line of demarcation between the trained and the untrained nurse, and to discipline such black sheep as may show up in our ranks. The "brother" and other Professions prosecute the unqualified, for practising and for accepting fees for the advice and attention given; we, on the contrary, do not propose to interfere with any unqualified nurse making her fortune if she can, by attending the sick, only we will prevent her disguising herself as a fully qualified graduate to do it.

We will raise and keep raised the standard of our profession, but the financial end must take care of itself. Such a fair and honourable basis for our Act ought to ensure its speedy passing into law, but since the success of a cause does not always depend upon its justice, it behooves us all to work hard if we are to win.

Vancouver, B.C. RENE NORCROSS.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In British Columbia a draft of a proposed Act of Registration has been drawn up by the Vancouver Graduate Nurses' Association to go before the House at the next meeting of the Legislature. It is purposed to organize a Provincial Graduate Nurses' Association of British Columbia, so that throughout the Province work may be done to insure the successful passing of this Act.

The Act is not designed to prevent other than fully qualified graduate nurses from nursing, but only to draw a line of distinction between the semi-trained and the fully trained, and will also help to raise the standard of nursing. This, it would seem, is the weak point in Registration, that it does nothing to help to improve the semi-trained, and until it does, it cannot conscientiously claim "that the Act is for the protection of the public."

Registration is undoubtedly here to stay, its advantages are so manifold. Co-operation with the medical profession will be a large factor in its ultimate success. The two professions will work together for the "protection of the public," and the united force can accomplish great and lasting good.

In British Columbia the nurses are to be congratulated on having the support of the British Columbia Medical Association for their Bill.

Vancouver, B.C. RUTH JUDGE.

ALBERTA.

There are two Associations of Graduate nurses in Alberta, one in Edmonton and one in Calgary. Both Associations strongly approve of Registration for Nurses, and are discussing the subject with the object of uniting the nurses and evolving a plan of work. A strong Provincial Association will, doubtless, be the outcome of this, and steps will soon be taken to secure legislation.

SASKATCHEWAN.

As far as we know, nurses in this Province are not organized

MANITOBA.

The Provincial Association is studying and discussing the question of Registration for Nurses. Statistics are being collected with a view to ascertaining the standing of hospitals and nurses in Manitoba, and it is proposed to have a Bill drafted in the near future. A number of physicians have promised their support.

The following paper was given by Miss Ethel Johns before the Local Council of Women of Winnipeg:—

State Registration means that by Act of Provincial Legislature definite standards will be set by which all women desiring to be professional nurses must be measured. There will probably be such clauses as the following:

A definite standard of preliminary education will be established.

A uniform length of time of training will be insisted on for all hospitals in the Province.

A certain minimum number of beds will be imposed on all hospitals offering training facilities to nurses. The curriculum of studies will be standardized. Examinations on the theoretical side of nursing will be controlled by a provisional council.

Nurses coming to the Province from training schools outside of it will be required to show credentials from their own State Board of Examiners, or will be required to pass the examination of the Local Board.

No woman will be permitted to call herself a registered professional nurse who has not obtained a license to practice from the Provincial Council.

To do this she must necessarily have gone through the full course of training and passed the prescribed examinations.

The above reforms are, in a nutshell, the main benefits we hope to gain from registration. On the surface they appear simple. As a matter of fact they involve a great deal. Take the first clause, that enforcing preliminary education. Any hospital superintendent will tell you that because a woman is highly educated she does not necessarily make a good nurse. Nursing is so much a matter of character and temperament that a woman of ordinary education who possesses kindliness, tact and good sense will succeed where a college graduate without these qualities would be a dismal failure. Still we do not wish to train women who are absolutely illiterate, no matter what qualities of heart they may possess.

Some of us hope that our new university may help solve this problem by establishing a short preliminary course for nurses which any woman of good moral character and physical fitness for the work may take, thus fitting herself to pass on to the training schools of the Province as a pupil nurse.

I hope to see a class of graduate nurses trained in Manitoba hospitals take their diplomas at the hands of the chancellor of the university. Mr. Schofield, in a recent letter to the press, expressed his conviction that this reform should be brought about. Coming from such a source, his expression of opinion was much appreciated by the nurses.

So much for preliminary education. We do not expect much trouble in standardizing the length of training, but we do expect trouble when it comes to demanding a certain number of beds before a hospital may be allowed to establish a training school. There are many small hospitals in Manitoba to-day that are turning out graduates that are a credit to them and to their profession. There are also, I regret to say, a few hospitals, mostly run for private gain, who establish so-called training schools because it is a cheap way of getting their nursing done, who make no attempt at systematic education of their nurses, but turn them out after a varying length of time to practise on a confiding public as trained nurses.

I now come to the last clause among those I mentioned, which has caused more misunderstanding and done more to militate against our cause than all the others put together. Perhaps I had better read it again:

"No woman will be permitted to style herself a registered nurse who has not obtained a license from the Provincial Board of Examiners."

You will notice that no restraint is placed on the untrained woman desiring to practise. She is simply debarred from pretending to be what she is not. There seems to be a general impression that state legislation means an attempt to exclude these women from practice. This on the face of it is impossible. Nursing the sick has been from time immemorial the special privilege and labor of love of women. There will always be untrained nurses. Every mother is a nurse and often a very good one. No state registration bill ever framed has attempted to legislate against untrained nurses. As a fair sample of most bills of this nature, let me read you an excerpt from the Bill of the State of Maryland:

"The provisions of this bill are not active against nursing done gratuitously by untrained persons, nor against nursing for hire by untrained persons providing such persons do not style themselves Registered Nurses."

You see it is our name we are jealous of, and justly.

I am now going to be frank with you, and in being so I may offend some of my professional friends who may be present. Personally, I think there are some untrained women doing nursing to-day who fill a public need that we as nurses have failed to fill. To many families our fee is prohibitive. I do not insinuate for one moment that our fee is not a fair and just one, but nevertheless to a large section of our population it is prohibitive. These people must be nursed. Some of these untrained women give them ordinary nursing care and assume the responsibility of the household as well. Sometimes they do it for a smaller fee than is charged by trained nurses. We as a profession may not like this unpalatable truth, but truth it is nevertheless, and murder will out. Unfortunately for the public, not all untrained women are of this high order of usefulness. For example, a domestic formerly in the employ of a local hospital, an uneducated woman with no vestige of training, has assumed the uniform of that institution and styles herself a graduate nurse, and, be it understood, charges graduate nurses' fees. There is at present little or no protection for the public from such imposters as these. At present all that is really necessary to posing as a graduate nurse in Manitoba is to wear a more or less coquettish uniform, learn a few catch phrases, have the requisite amount of nerve, and start out into practice. I hold that this condition of affairs is a crying injustice to a class of women who no doubt are far from perfect, but who, nevertheless, have spent three years at least of the best part of their lives under a discipline of work, physical and mental, which leaves its marks on them for life, in order to fit themselves for their profession. And if it is unjust to the nurses, it is even more so to the public. If you wish to employ an untrained woman, by all means do so. You know what you are about. She tells you she has no hospital training, and you know what to expect. The bargain is a fair one. But if you come to that stern pass where actual technical knowledge is required and kindness plus training, then you have the right to know past any question of a doubt that you are not harboring an imposter. As I said before, I wished to be just to the untrained nurses. In many cases they give admirable service, but there are times when skill and knowledge outweigh willingness to serve, and when the trained observation of symptoms, which only comes after long contact with illness, is all that stands between you and the loss of some one dear to you. Then you want to be sure. Then you want to know that this woman into whose care you have given your sick one has been trained, has served her time; in so far as education can make her, worthy of the responsibility laid on her. In our best judgment, state registration will at least accomplish this; it will no longer be possible for a woman to represent herself to you as a trained nurse who is not one.

Again, under present conditions, once a nurse has graduated from her training school she is a free agent. No matter how she may misbehave, there is no legal way of preventing her from practising. State registration will remedy this. A trained nurse who has proved herself incompetent or morally

undesirable, can be dealt with by the Local Board, and her license revoked or suspended.

Another advantage we hope to gain is in raising the standard of our hospital training schools. With state registration will come inevitably a system of inspection of training schools as well as of hospitals proper. Not only the little ones, but the big ones, too. A good training school need not fear inspection. A poor training school needs it in order that its faults may be pointed out and remedied.

ONTARIO.

The Graduate Nurses' Association of Ontario was formed in 1904, having as its objects, as stated in its constitution, "the maintenance of the honor and standing of the profession, the advancement of the educational standard of nursing, and the furtherance of necessary legislation in the interests of the public, the physician and the nurse." In pursuance of this, a Bill was brought before the Legislature in 1906, which, however, was so amended by the special committee of the members to whom it was referred, as to be quite useless, and it was thought best to withdraw it altogether. One of the lessons learned by the Association from this experience was that neither the nurses themselves, nor the general public, had a proper conception of what was aimed at. It is therefore for the purpose of bringing before those concerned the kind of legislation aimed at, and some of the reasons why it is desirable, that this paper has been written.

The lack of anything like uniformity in nursing education, as provided by the various training schools of the country, is a fact that will be admitted without cavil, and this without in the least disparaging the many small training schools (whose superintendents were among the first to recognize the need for legislation), which are giving a very excellent training to their pupils. At the same time, everyone knows that there are schools that are such in name only, as far as any attempt at systematic instruction goes. The training school having been found to be an economic investment, it is feared that hospital authorities do not always look first at whether they are in a position to fit nurses for the responsible work of caring for the sick in the most efficient manner, before establishing a training school. Be that as it may, the lack of a uniform standard of nursing education is unfair both to the nurse herself, and to the public; unfair to the graduate of the school where the training is below par, because she is handicapped by an imperfect knowledge of her work, and unfair to the graduate of the good school, who, so far as the public is concerned, is on exactly the same plane as the other, until proved to be the more efficient; and obviously unfair to the public, who can judge of a nurse's merits only after a trial.

By State Registration, however, every nurse would be obliged to pass an examination fixed by the Central Board before she could practice her profession. In this way all the training schools in the country would have to provide the sort of nursing education for their pupils that would enable them to pass this examination; so that the first point we hope to gain by registration is a uniform standard of training. Even our failure in 1906 did good in this way, as many schools since that time have enlarged their curriculum

and, where they are deficient in certain branches, send their graduates for post-graduate work elsewhere. And just here it is perhaps well to explain that the law never works backward, so that all nurses who have already graduated, those in training at the time of such an Act passing, and all up to a certain fixed time could register without passing any further examinations.

State or Provincial Registration is the first step toward placing trained nursing on the basis of a recognized profession. By it, nurses are protected from those who have no right to call themselves trained nurses, but who yet do not scruple to do so. Not that such a law will be restrictive, as the public may still employ such if they wish to do so, but it will at least be within the power of everyone to find out whether they are employing a trained nurse or not, because every trained nurse will be a registered nurse. What has been proven to be good for the professions of law and medicine cannot be bad for trained nurses.

With graduates from the correspondence schools of the States, nurses (save the mark!) trained by beauty doctors, and nurses trained Heaven knows where and how, the public surely needs the protection of an Act regulating the education of those who undertake responsibilities involving life and death. It is time that all nurses woke up to the sense of their duty in this respect.

Let us remember that we owe a duty to the nurses who are to succeed us, and let us make of our beloved calling not a mere means of livelihood, but a great and honored profession, worthy of our noble founder, Florence Nightingale.

JULIA STEWART.

Toronto.

QUEBEC.

We are in the beginning of things in regard to Registration in the Province of Quebec. Ontario has been talking and working for some time, while we have only been thinking, and that not to much purpose. When Miss Crosby told us that they intended applying for legislation this year, but if we in this Province would muster our forces and apply to our Legislature in 1912, they would defer their application, we felt there was only one thing to do. We are not yet organized, but have passed the thinking stage and begun talking. Our work now is to get the nurses interested. We look to our Nursing Journal to help us to a clearer conception of what Registration really means, to the nurses, to the public, and to the medical profession.

The question is so often asked by the nurses, "How is Registration going to benefit us? What does it mean?" To my mind, R.N. is simply the "hall mark" that guarantees a thoroughly trained nurse, one who has received a three years' course in a recognized training school.

The fact of our being registered will not help us if we are incompetent nurses, and it will only harm the cause if we register and do not come up to the standard; while it must elevate and help the whole profession if those who register are women of worth and sterling character.

I believe, as well as protecting the nurse, Registration will benefit the public still more. So we must interest the public in Registration. They, as

well as the nurses, will very soon come to recognize the term R.N., and when they want their nearest and dearest cared for, will be thankful they know the kind of nurse to ask for.

The patient very soon learns to distinguish between the untrained and trained nurse, and appreciates to the full the skill, wisdom, tact and tenderness of a good professional nurse.

When one picks up a popular magazine and reads advertisements such as the following: "Nursing taught by mail. Why not be a nurse? Steady employment always awaits the thoroughly competent nurse. Salary from $25 to $35 per week," one feels the public should be protected from such quacks (or perhaps I should say "Gamps"), as well as the nurses. There is, too, the amateur nurse, who, having spent part of a probationary period in a hospital, and perhaps been expelled for bad conduct or other cause, dons a uniform and thrusts her services upon an unsuspecting public as "a nurse," receiving the remuneration due the graduate nurse. There will always be untrained nurses, and there is a field for them, but one feels, in justice to the public and the nursing profession, that they should practise as such.

We do not wish to keep anyone from nursing, nor do we wish for legislation in order to have a law which permits only trained nurses to care for the sick. We only ask that they nurse under their true colors.

If Registration is going to benefit the nurse and the public, it ought also to appeal strongly to the doctor. He is responsible to the patient and patient's friends for the care of his case. An inefficient nurse is capable of undoing all the good the surgeon or physician has tried to accomplish.

We hope we shall have their sympathy and hearty co-operation in our efforts to secure Registration in the Dominion of Canada. I am indebted to the American Journal of Nursing for many thoughts on the subject of Registration. Our sister nurses in the States had many trials before securing legislation. We in Canada must not be weary in well-doing, but work, so that those coming after us may reap the reward of our labor.

Montreal. ANNIE COLQUHOUN.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The first step towards obtaining Registration for Nurses in Nova Scotia was taken in the spring of 1910, when the Local Legislature granted an Act of Incorporation to the Provincial Nurses' Association—an Act which is broad enough to make provision for the admission of every trained nurse in the Province, on proof of "necessary education, professional qualification and of moral character."

Shortly after incorporation, copies of this Act, its Constitution and By-Laws, together with a circulatory letter soliciting interest and co-operation, also printed extracts from articles published in the Nineteenth Century and After Magazine, resolutions passed by the British Medical Association and quotations from other authorities, all in favour of State Registration, were sent to every member of the medical profession practising in the Province. Congratulation and many expressions of goodwill and sympathy have since been received.

At the first annual meeting of the Association, Dr. Hattie, Superintendent of the Nova Scotia Hospital, is reported as having "in the course of a fine address, set forth, 'Now the spirit of union was a sign of the times; also how material were the advantages of organization.'"

Speaking on the same occasion, Dr. Murdoch Chisholm, of Halifax, urged upon those nurses present their duty in the matter of standing firmly for the dignity and honour of their profession, and personally and individually illustrating their belief in its choice by maintaining the highest standards in its practice.

The Association has now a membership of eighty, and continually increases in influence and recognition.

An endeavour will be made this year to introduce an Act regulating the practice of untrained and uncertified midwives in the Province, for which legislation the support and assistance of the Nurses' Association has been solicited.

EVELINE M. PEMBERTON.

Halifax.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

The question of Registration for Nurses has not yet arisen in Newfoundland. Outside the hospitals, there are not more than a dozen, probably less than a dozen, trained nurses, and these are all in St. John's. Ten years ago there were none, but with the advent of the nurses the demand for them has come, and is growing every day. Those who are here find plenty of work, although the untrained nurse still flourishes. We hope sometime this year to form an Association of Trained Nurses, which will join together in one society for their mutual benefit, all the nurses working in Newfoundland, who come from different training schools in Canada, England, the United States and our own hospital in St. John's.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

No report has been received from this Province. We hope to have a good account of the work here to give in the near future.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The nurses of this Province are not yet organized, but steps are being taken in this direction. As soon as this is accomplished, some definite work for Registration will be done.

PROGRAMME

Of the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Canadian Hospital Association, to be held at Niagara Falls, Ont., in the Carnegie Library Building, May 23rd and 24th, 1911.

Tuesday, May 23rd, 10.30 a.m.

Calling of Association to Order.

Reading of Minutes of Previous Convention.

President's Address—Miss Clara Green, Superintendent General and Marine Hospital, Belleville, Ont.

"Fire Prevention"—Dr. W. J. Dobbie, Physician-in-Chief, Toronto Hospital for Consumptives, Weston, Ont.

"The Relation of the Trustees to the Hospital"—Dr. R. W. Bruce Smith, Inspector of Hospitals for Ontario.

Tuesday, 2.30 p.m.

"The General Management of a Small General Hospital"—Miss Bertha Miller, Superintendent Amasa Wood Hospital, St. Thomas, Ont.

"The Relation of the Medical Health Officer to Hospitals"—Dr. Charles Hastings, Medical Health Officer, Toronto.

"The Care of Alcoholics"—Dr. N. H. Beemer, Superintendent Hospital for Insane, Mimico, Ont.

4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Visiting Points of Interest.

Tuesday, 8 p.m.

"Points in Relation to the Construction of Smaller Hospitals"—H. E. Webster, Esq., Superintendent Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal.

"The Heating and Ventilation of Smaller Hospitals"—Clarence Williams, Esq., Hospital Specialist, Boston, Mass.

Title to Come—Dr. Wayne Smith, Superintendent Washington Uv. Hospital, Washington, D.C.

"Some Impressions of New York Hospitals"—Miss F. E. De La Mater, Superintendent Nicholls Hospital, Peterboro, Ont.

Wednesday, May 24th, 9.30 a.m.

"Some Observations on the Sanatoria of the Old Country"—Dr. W. B. Kendall, Physician-in-Chief, Muskoka Hospital for Consumptives, Gravenhurst.

"What the Average Medical Man Expects from the Hospital"—Dr. J. S. Hart, Toronto.

Title to Come—Dr. Young, Assistant Superintendent Rockwood Hospital, Kingston.

Title to Come—Miss N. McLennan, Superintendent Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie.

Wednesday, 8.15 p.m.

Joint Session with the Canadian Association of Training School Superintendents and with the Graduate Nurses' Association of Ontario.

Address of Welcome—His Worship, the Mayor.

"Social Service"—Miss Forsyth, Evangelia Settlement.

"The Duty of the Hospital to the Pupil Nurse"—Miss Conroy, Superintendent St. Joseph's Hospital, Glace, Bay, N.S.

Note.—Members of all three societies are welcome to any and every meeting of the societies.

The Association of Superintendents of Training Schools and the Graduate Nurses' Association of Ontario will hold their meetings on Wednesday and Thursday. Friday will be given up to sightseeing and the visiting of neighboring hospitals.

"Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while care will drop off like autumn leaves." —John Muir.

THE SCHOOL NURSE

Miss Barbara Gilchrist finished the course in School Nursing in Toronto and started her work in London, March 1st.

On February 8th the following School Nurses were added to the staff in Toronto:—Miss M. G. Butchart, Western Hospital, Toronto, '03; Miss V. G. Burnett, Grace Hospital, Toronto, '04; Miss C. M. Cameron, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, '10; Miss F. H. Jones, Toronto General Hospital, '03; Miss M. A. Kingstone, Presbyterian Hospital, New York, '10; Miss M. Mackay, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, '10; Miss M. A. MacFadyen, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, '10; Miss G. M. Macallum, St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, '04; Miss G. Morison, Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, '04; Miss G. M. Paul, Smith Infirmary, Staten Island, New York, '07; Miss J. M. Peace, Toronto General Hospital, '04; Miss V. Wallace, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, '07; Miss M. Byers, Royal Alexandra Hospital, Fergus, '08.

The nurses at present taking the Post-Graduate Course are:—Miss Jean A. Miller, Galt Hospital, '06; Miss Gertrude Forbes, New York Hospital, '05; Miss J. M. Irving, Salem Hospital, Mass., '01.

Miss Lina L. Rogers, R.N., Superintendent of School Nurses, Toronto, has demonstrated to the Board of Education the need of having towels in the schools, with the result that paper towels are being provided for the children. Miss Rogers has also been instrumental in securing an Audiometer for testing the hearing of children who are considered dull, and whose only trouble may be defective hearing.

During February the nurses discovered twelve cases of tuberculosis among the school children. These are being cared for by the Heather Club.

Some amusing things happen when the nurses are making their rounds of the schools. One small lad was late on morning, and on being asked the reason, replied, "Oh, I overwashed this morning."

A small bit of humanity, with thin body and scant clothing, his large brown eyes lighting up his face, was found running from school. The nurse stopped him and said, "Why are you running from instead of to school?" He looked up and gravely replied, "The bell rang before I was ready."

POST-GRADUATE COURSE.

A four months' post-graduate course will be given to Graduates of Credited Hospital Schools of Nursing, in the Toronto General Hospital, during the months of June, July, August and September.

The course will consist of 15 days' experience in each of the following departments:—Diet School, Neurological Ward, Gynecological Pavilion, Outdoor and Nose and Throat Department, Operating Theatre, Medical Wards, Surgical Wards, Obstetrical Pavilion.

All applications must be made by May 15th, and be accompanied by a certificate of health from a physician and a certificate from the Superintendent of the School from which the applicant is a Graduate.

For further particulars apply to the Lady Superintendent.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses will be held in the Carnegie Library, Niagara Falls, Ont., May 24th and 25th.

PROGRAMME.

Wednesday, May 24th, 2.30 p.m.

Call to Order.

Invocation—Rev. William Wallis, Ph.D.

Addresses of Welcome—Mr. A. Monro Grier, K.C., President of Hospital Board.

Dr. P. T. Kellam, President Niagara Falls Medical Association.

Reply to Addresses of Welcome—Robina L. Stewart, R.N., Superintendent of Toronto General Hospital Training School for Nurses.

Address of President—Mary Ard Mackenzie, R.N., Chief Superintendent of Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada.

Election of New Members.

Appointment of Nominating Committee.

"Schools of Nursing and the State"—Annie W. Goodrich, R.N., Inspector Nurse Training Schools, Education Department, New York.

Discussion.

"The Making of an Ideal Nursing Journal"—Mary A. Catton, Superintendent Lady Stanley Institute, Ottawa.

Discussion.

"Tuberculosis: Our Attitude Towards Its Prevention and Cure"—E. G. Fournier, R.N., Superintendent "Minnewaska," Gravenhurst.

Discussion.

"The Child in the Hospital"—Jean L. Edgar, Night Supervisor Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

Discussion led by Louise C. Brent.

Wednesday, May 24th, 8.15 p.m.

A Union Meeting of The Canadian Hospital Association, Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses, and Graduate Nurses' Association of Ontario will be held in the Carnegie Library.

Chairman—Mr. A. Monro Grier, K.C., President of Hospital Board.

Address of Welcome—The Mayor, O. E. Doris, Esq.

The Member (?).

Miss Annie W. Goodrich, Inspector Nurse Training Schools for New York State, will speak.

"Social Service"—Miss Forsythe. "Evangelia" Settlement, Toronto.

"The Duty of the Hospital to the Pupil Nurse"—Miss Conroy, Superintendent of St. Joseph's Hospital, Glace Bay, N.S.

"Training School Curriculum"—Miss Florence M. Shaw, R.N., General Hospital, Montreal.

Thursday, May 25th, 10 a.m.

Report of Council.

Report of Treasurer.

Report of Auditors.
Report of Committees.
Report of Nominating Committee.
Unfinished Business.
New Business.
Papers for this session are expected from Edith P. Mayow, on "Labrador;" Helen T. Melville, on "Africa;" Anna A. Hawley, on "Cree Indians."
Discussion.
Election of Officers.
Announcement of Time and Place of Meeting, 1912.
Introduction of President-elect.
Adjournment.

MARY ARD MACKENZIE, President.
LOUISE C BRENT, Treasurer (pro tem).
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NOTES.

Give special attention to instructions regarding purchasing of railway ticket and certificate.

Council meeting, May 23rd, 7.30 p.m., Carnegie Library, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

It is requested that all reports, motions, etc., be typewritten.

Fees are due at the Annual Meeting.

Invitations for meeting for 1912 to be sent to Secretary not later than May 1st.

The Superintendents are requested to send to the Secretary by May 1st, or bring direct to the Annual Meeting, the books containing hospital and training schools forms, etc., some of which were returned for alterations and additions.

The programme is announced early that the members will have ample time to consider the subjects of the papers. Members have been asked to lead the discussions, but the individual members are requested to be prepared to take up the various phases of the subjects presented, that there may be very free discussion.

All nursing organizations throughout the Dominion of Canada are cordially invited to send delegates.

SOUTH AFRICAN MEMORIAL TO THE LATE KING.

It is understood that the Viscountess Gladstone is shortly going to set on foot a scheme in South Africa for a memorial to the late King, to take the form of establishing an order of trained nurses similar to existing institutions in India, Canada and Australia. The maintenance of the nurses would be partially met out of the funds subscribed and by the fees contributed by patients. At present it is authoritatively stated that midwives working in the up-country districts are mostly coloured women without training. The results of some organized scheme for supplying trained nurses would be far-reaching, and the educational value would form a fitting memorial from South Africa, which owes much to his late Majesty.—The Nursing Times.

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Editorial

DELEGATES, ATTENTION!!

It is desired that the railroad rates to the Convention, May 23rd, 24th and 25th, shall be as small as possible, therefore every member of the three Societies—Canadian Hospital Superintendents, The Canadian Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses, and the Graduate Nurses' Association of Ontario—is requested to buy, not a Holiday Ticket, but a Standard Convention Certificate (Ticket Agents are supplied with these and are instructed to issue them on application). Please note the following:—

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Therefore, buy a first-class full-fare one-way ticket, and secure a Standard Convention Certificate, and thus make rates a minimum for all Delegates.

AN HONOR DESERVED.

The Society of Women Journalists, at their sixteenth annual meeting in November, elected Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President. This is a great and well-deserved honour for the editor of the British Journal of Nursing. It is a significant fact, and quite in keeping with the utilitarian spirit of the age, that the President of this Society should be the editor not of a magazine of "polite letters" for literature's sake, but of a professional journal, and that not of a "learned profession," but only the handmaid of one of them. Mrs. Fenwick said that the election was a surprise to her, as she had not taken up journalism as a profession because of any special fitness for that sort of work, but only as a means to an end. She had become a journalist because she desired to see the profession of her choice—scientific nursing—elevated and legally constituted by Act of Parliament, and without a voice in the press the views and aspirations of trained nurses could not find expression. English nurses are indeed fortunate in having such a voice to express their desires as Mrs. Fenwick. And not only this, but this election is an honour to the whole nursing profession, which we should appreciate, and guard by seeking to have everything that is published in any country by nurses or about nurses only such a thing as is in keeping with high ideals of womanliness and service.

We congratulate Mrs. Bedford Fenwick most heartily on her election, and British nurses on having one of their number who is able to fill such a position with honour. Coming as it does at the end of a year of sorrowful loss of leading workers in England, Canada, the United States and India, this signal honour seems an omen of happier days in the new year.—Nursing Journal of India.

INDIA.

The Nursing Journal of India for February is a large and most interesting number. It contains a full report of the Conference at Benares of "The Association of Nursing Superintendents of India," and "The Trained Nurses' Association of India," together with the Constitutions of both Associations, and a list of their members. It takes the place of the Annual Report, and is a most valuable book of reference.

At this Conference, Miss M. G. Butcher, of the Bellevue Sanatorium, Murree, was appointed Editor. Mrs. Klotz, the retiring Editor, who has so successfully piloted the Journal through its first year, is going to America for eighteen months or two years for a much-needed rest. This Journal is one of our most valued exchanges.

IN OUR MIDST.

How often have nurses read advertisements which told how to secure the training necessary to become a nurse by correspondence! Invariably the exclamation follows: "How absurd to think that any woman can hope to acquire in that way the skill and knowledge necessary to handle the patient deftly, gently and intelligently, and to discharge the grave responsibilities of a trained nurse!"

And always a certain relief was experienced that some distance separated us from such a centre of instruction. But a change has come! We have in our midst a "School," called "The Dominion School of Nursing," which "trains nurses in six or eight months."

"Classes are held Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon and evening, from 2 to 3 hours; time depends on subjects taken." The course "includes Lectures on Anatomy, Physiology, Materia Medica, Science and Art of Nursing, Invalid Cooking, Fever Nursing, Sterilization, Hygiene, Mental Nursing, Massage, Weir Mitchell System, with Swedish Movements, Text Book written by Superintendent of School," etc.

"Colored plates and subjects are used for each lecture. Paid subjects takes the place of the sick. The lectures are given by two city physicians. Fee—Nursing, $50.00; Massage, $25.00; Books, $2.00. Those who are not able to pay in advance pay by installments."

Mrs. Rachel M. Smythe, the Superintendent, says: "I am a Graduate Nurse myself . . . and a Doctor of Osteopathy . . . I don't want the Graduate Hospital Nurses to think I am trying to be on a standard with them."

This is surely another striking example of the need of some means of distinguishing between the fully trained Graduate Nurse and the nurse who has only a partial training, or none at all. It is not the untrained nurse who does harm; it is the untrained or partially trained nurse who seeks to pass as fully trained. Anyone may don a uniform and call herself a trained nurse. Any hospital, large or small, or, it seems, any individual may start a training school and give diplomas. Shall this state of affairs continue? The answer rests with the Nursing Profession.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE ASSOCIATION.

The Florence Nightingale Association held its first annual meeting at The Residence, Hospital for Sick Children, on Friday, March 3rd, at 8 p.m. Miss McKenzie, Vice-President, occupied the chair.

Addresses were given by some of the honorary members and Miss Crosby.

The Secretary then presented the Annual Report, as follows:—

"Madame President and Members of the Association:—I submit the following report for the year ending March 3rd, 1911:

"Five meetings have been held, with an average attendance of twenty, one meeting for the purpose of organization, three business meetings, and one social meeting. The social meeting took the form of a picnic and was held on June 7th, 1910, at the Lakeside Home, the Island, by the kind courtesy of Miss Brent. It was much enjoyed by our guests, the Presidents of Sister Associations, and friends, as well as by the members.

"Thirty-five names have been added to the membership list since the first meeting. At present the Association numbers four honorary members and forty-four active members." J. C. WARDELL, Secretary.

Great regret was expressed at the loss of the President, Miss Kennedy, who has recently gone to Victoria, B.C., to work under the Victorian Order. The Association, wishing to express its appreciation of the work of Miss Kennedy, who, with the assistance of Mrs. Downey, organized the Association and carried it successfully through the first stages of its existence, made her its Hononary President.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Miss M. A. McKenzie; Vice-President, Miss M. Urquhart; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss J. C. Wardell; Board of Directors—Misses Pringle, Waddell, Kinder, Hamilton, Griffith, Wilson and Mrs. Valentine; The Canadian Nurse Representative, Miss M. S. Wilson; Representatives on the Central Registry Committee—Misses McKenzie and Waddell; Convener of Social Committee—Miss McKenzie.

Miss McKenzie thanked the Association for the honor conferred upon her, and expressed the appreciation of the Association for the sympathy and support of the Alumnae Associations of the city.

The Association welcomed Miss Stewart, Lady Superintendent of Toronto General Hospital, and made her an honorary member. The next regular meeting will take the form of a social meeting.

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The Association meets every six weeks.

MILITIA ORDERS.

Headquarters, Ottawa. December 31, 1910.

Course of Instruction for Nursing Sisters.—A course of instruction in the duties laid down in the "Regulations for the Canadian Medical Service, 1910," for Nursing Sisters, will be held at the P.A.M.C. School of Instruction, Halifax, commencing May 1, 1911, and lasting six weeks.

Four Nursing Sisters will be selected to attend.

P.M.O.'s will submit their recommendations as soon as possible.

January 14, 1911.

The undermentioned Nursing Sisters are detailed for duty to No. 1 General Hospital:—Miss E. McGiffin, Miss E. Morris, Miss J. Leishman, Miss A. W. Hammell and Miss P. Dayman.

F. L. LESSARD, Colonel, Adjutant General.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING STAFF.

War Office, London, S.W., 14th February, 1911.

The following ladies have received appointments as Staff Nurses:—Misses M. E. Evans, M. Linaker.

Promotions.

The undermentioned Sister to be Matron:—Miss J. E. Dods.

The undermentioned Staff Nurse to be Sister:—Miss C. G. Lees.

E. H. BECHER, Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S.

My Scallop Shell of Quiet

"Happiness pursued is never overtaken, because, little as we are, God's image makes us so large that we cannot live within ourselves, not even for ourselves, and be satisfied. It is not good for man to be alone, because, rightly, self is the smallest part of us. Even God found it good not to be alone, but to create objects for His love and benevolence." George W. Cable.

The night has a thousand eyes,
And the day but one;
Yet the light of the whole world dies
With the dying sun.

The mind has a thousand eyes,
And the heart but one;
Yet the light of a whole life dies
When love is done.

—Francis William Bowedillon.

But what if I fail of my purpose here?
It is but to keep the nerves at strain;
To dry one's eyes and laugh at a fall,
And, baffled, get up and begin again;
So the chase take up one's life—that's all.

—Robert Browning.

"I bid you to live in peace and patience, without fear or hatred, and to succor the oppressed and love the lovely, and to be the friends of men; so that when ye are dead at last, men may say of you—they brought down Heaven to the Earth for a little while. What say ye, children?"

—William Morris.

Four things a man must learn to do,
If he would keep his record true:
To think without confusion—clearly;
To love his fellow man sincerely;
To act from honest motives purely;
To trust in God and Heaven securely.

—Henry Van Dyke.

The Guild of Saint Barnabas

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QUEBEC—All Saints Chapel, The Close. Guild service, fourth Tuesday, 8.15 p.m.
Chaplain—The very Rev. the Dean of Quebec.
Superior—Mrs. Williams, The Close.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Montreal Branch of the Guild was held in the Parish House of St. John the Evangelist Church, on Tuesday, Jan. 17th, when there was a good attendance of members.

A few changes have taken place in the Guild during the past year. It is with very great regret that we have to record the removal from Montreal of the Rev. A. J. Doull, Priest Associate, who has always shown great interest in the Guild, and is much missed at our meetings. During 1910 Miss F. M. Thomson has been admitted into the Guild as an Associate, the Misses Church and Moir have received their medals from the Chaplain, and the following members have been transferred to this Branch: The Misses Sewell, Wicksteed and Hardinge from Ottawa, and Mrs. Shorts, from Bristol, England. Unfortunately, these members are not living in Montreal. Miss E. Gross has undertaken the duty of organist.

During the year one afternoon and eight evening meetings have been held. Addresses at the services have been given by the Chaplain, the Rev. A. J. Doull, the Rev. E. Greaves and the Rev. S. Lindsay. A change was made this year in regard to the Anniversary Festival Service, which was held in the evening of June 11th, and was very largely attended. At this meeting we were pleased to have with us Miss Browne, an English member, who happened to be in Montreal at the time.

Another point of interest is the fact that this year, for the first time, several members of this Branch received the special ribbon which can be worn by members of ten or more years' standing in the Guild.

Jan. 17th, 1911. (Signed) M. E. W., Secretary.

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(INCORPORATED 1908).

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The Annual Meeting of the Association will be held in the Carnegie Library, Niagara Falls, Ont., on the evening of May 24th, and the afternoon and evening of May 25th, 1911.

May 24th, 8.15 p.m.

A joint meeting of the Canadian Hospital Association, the Canadian Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses, and the Graduate Nurses' Association of Ontario. A paper on "Social Service" will be given by Miss Forsyth, of the Evangelia Settlement.

May 25th, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

1, Prayer; 2, Roll-call; 3, Reading of Minutes; 4, Report of Corresponding Secretary; 5, Report of Treasurer; 6, Reports of Conveners of Committees; 7, Miscellaneous Business; 8, Announcement of Elections.

The following papers will be given:—

"The Factory Nurse and Welfare Work," Mrs. Reynolds, London, Ont.; Miss Bradley, Welland.

"The Institutional Nurse," Mrs. Tilley, Kingston.

"The Private Nurse," Miss Ross, London, Ont.

"The Work of the Pure Milk Committee," Miss Hanna, Hamilton.

"The School Nurse," Miss L. L. Rogers, Superintendent of School Nurses, Toronto.

"The Army Nurse," Miss Hayhurst, Hamilton.

"Registration." Discussion on Proposed Bill.

"The Canadian Nurse," Miss M. E. Christie, Toronto.

REPORT OF THE RELIEF COMMITTEE OF THE MONTREAL BRANCH OF THE VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES FOR THE YEAR 1910.

The large number of cases here recorded is due to the disastrous typhoid epidemic which visited this city a year ago, and which taxed beyond their power the usual agencies for relief. It is neither the desire nor intention of the committee to take up the work of the numerous charitable institutions of the city, but the Victorian Order is to be congratulated on the fact that, at this time of great need, they were able to respond adequately to the call not only for nursing, but also for friendly visiting and for material help among the sick poor, who would otherwise have often had to fight a losing battle, unaided and alone. In harmony with the primary object of the Order, to afford nursing relief during sickness, friendly visiting is done only where a nurse is in attendance, and aid is provided only after the more legitimate sources of relief have been exhausted. At the time of the epidemic, however, district visiting was extended to the homes of needy typhoid patients in the Emergency, the Montreal General and the Royal Victoria Hospitals. This was made possible by the organization of a large staff of volunteer visitors, and by the supply of money sent in from Mrs. Sandeman's concert for the typhoid poor.

During the year 160 families have been visited, and help has been given to over 800 people. Sixty-nine volunteers have made over 800 visits to hospitals and homes. Most of these visits were made during the months of January and February, when the epidemic was at its height. The volunteers included men and women, French and English, Catholics, Protestants and Hebrews, and it is a great pleasure to testify here the goodwill, energy and generosity of this band of workers. Of the 160 families attended during the year, two-thirds were Protestant and one-third Catholic; one family was negro, 15 were foreign, 40 were from Great Britain, and the rest were English and French-speaking Canadians. The committee again note the unsatisfactory character of the immigrants from England.

While most of the cases were typhoids, we recorded a large number of maternity cases where the husband was out of work, also a great many incurable cases of cancer and tuberculosis. In many families there were two and three typhoid patients, and in one family there were six typhoids. In six

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THE CANADIAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION AND REGISTER FOR GRADUATE NURSES—ESTABLISHED 1895—INCORPORTED 1901.

President—Miss Phillips.

Vice-Presidents—Miss Tedford and Miss Colquhoun.

Treasurer—Miss Des Brisay.

Registrar—Mrs. Berch, 175 Mansfield Street.

Reading Room—The Lindsay Building, Room 611, 518 St. Catherine Street West.

Lectures—From November until May, inclusive, in the Medico-Chirurgical Society Rooms, the first Tuesday in the month, at 8 p.m.

The regular monthly committee meeting was held on Monday, March 6th, in the Reading Room, Lindsay Building. Several names came up, to be proposed at our meeting and lecture on Tuesday, March 7th.

A very enjoyable lecture was given in the Medico-Chirurgical Rooms, 175 Mansfield street, by Dr. W. F. Hamilton. His subject was "Fevers," with special references to typhoid. He told of the different treatment that was given now, the effect of baths or packs, and the precautions a nurse should take while nursing the different infectious diseases.

People who are going to different countries—Egypt, India—are being vaccinated against malaria and typhoid fever. There was a good attendance of nurses, who thoroughly enjoyed this very interesting and instructive address. Miss Welsh proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Hamilton, after which coffee and cake were served, and a social chat enjoyed.

Mrs. Berch reports a very busy month, many calls from outlying districts; demand could not always be met.

The C.N.A. extend heartfelt sympathy to Miss Moffat in her sore bereavement in the loss of her mother. It was particularly hard for Miss Moffat, who was in New Orleans, and could not be with her mother, who was in the Royal Victoria Hospital.

HOSPITALS AND NURSES

Miss Edith Stuart, who has been doing private nursing in Ottawa and Montreal since her graduation in 1909, has gone to Hartford, Conn., to take charge of the surgical operating room in the General Hospital in that city.

Miss Brand, R.V.H., who has been engaged in private nursing in Montreal, is taking charge of Ward E, Royal Victoria Hospital, during the temporary absence of Miss Glendinning, who has been ill, and goes home for a change and rest.

Miss Isabel C. Turner, graduate of the Kingston General Hospital Training School for Nurses, has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Training School for Nurses at Hahenmann Hospital, New York.

Miss Caroline E. Pretz, of Allentown, Pa., a graduate of the Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Institute and School of Mechano-Therapy (Inc.), Philadelphia, Pa. (Winter Class, 1906), has been engaged by the Allentown Hospital to teach the nurses in training the art of massage.

Miss Edith Liddy, graduate Hamilton City Hospital, now of Winnipeg, is visiting in Hamilton.

Miss G. L. Rowan, B.A., graduate of Grace Hospital Training School for Nurses, Toronto, Class '05, has been appointed Superintendent of Nurses at that institution.

Miss C. M. Bowman, Lady Superintendent, General Hospital, Portage la Prairie, is visiting her many friends in Hamilton.

Miss M. Hackett (Sister Victoria) has been obliged to resign her position on the staff of the General Hospital, St. John's. For over five years a ward nurse, Night Superintendent and Sister, she has been a faithful, conscientious worker, giving of her best to the patients under her care. She will be much missed. Her place is to be filled by Nurse B. Hayes.

At the annual meeting of the Vancouver Graduate Nurses' Association, held at the Nurses' Club, Vancouver, B.C., February 1st, the following officers were elected for 1911:—President, Miss Hall, 1193 Eighth Ave. W.; First Vice-President, Miss Hancock; Second Vice-President, Miss Blakeney; Treasurer, Miss Black, The Kenilworth, Vancouver, B.C.; Secretary, Miss R. Judge, 811 Thurlow St. Treasurer's report showed receipts for 1910, $137.75; expeditures, $88.20; balance for 1911, $49.55. Secretary's report gave number of members for 1910, 78; remaining for 1911, 72.

Mrs. A. Meachem, President of the Women's Board of Management, G. and M. Hospital, Collingwood, entertained the pupil nurses of that institution to a sleigh ride and supper on Thursday evening, February 2nd. After a delightful drive of two hours, the party, with their friends, arrived at Mrs. Meachem's, where a warm welcome awaited them. After a bountiful supper (enjoyed as only hospital nurses know how), the evening was passed pleasantly with games, music, etc. Among the guests of the evening was Mrs. Coles, late of the Queen Alexandra Imperial Nursing Service, who told the nurses many interesting instances of her life in the service. About midnight the guests dispersed, after thanking Mrs. Meachem very heartily for her kindness.

Miss Maxwell, V.G.H., and Miss M. Currie, V.G.H., have left Vancouver, B.C., and are taking a trip through California.

Miss Rose, V.G.H., is enjoying a well-earned rest in Ontario.

Miss Martignoni, Superintendent of the Orthopedic Hospital, Toronto, who was operated on for appendicitis at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Fergus, is convalescing at her home in Erin.

Mrs. Thompson, of Souris, is spending the winter with her parents in Arthur. Mrs. Thompson is a graduate of the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Class '09.

Miss Simpson, graduate of Mack Training School for Nurses, St. Catharines, Class '96, has taken up private nursing in Vancouver, B.C.

Miss Martin is visiting at her home in Tinturn.

Miss Bruce is taking a post-graduate course in Bellevue Hospital, New York.

Miss Lovell, of the staff of Mack Training School, underwent an appendectomy, but is now convalescing at her home in Merritton.

At the annual meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Western Hospital Training School for Nurses, the following officers were appointed for 1911:—President, Mrs. McConnell, 125 Major St.; First Vice-President, Miss M. Wilson, 30 Brunswick Ave.; Second Vice-President, Miss Brett, 27 Irwin Ave.; Recording Secretary, Miss Kelly, 254 Lisgar St.; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Bowling, 77 Winchester St.; Treasurer, Miss Anderson, 48 Wilson Ave. Conveners of Committees: Visiting, Mrs. Yorke, 400 Manning Ave.; Registry, Miss Cooper, 30 Brunswick Ave.; Programme, Miss Misner, 16 Ulster St.; Journal, Miss Butchart, 563A Bloor St. W. Directors—Miss Brett, Mrs. Yorke, Miss Hamlin.

The regular monthly meeting of the Alumnae Association of Hamilton City Hospital Training School for Nurses was held on Tuesday evening, February 7th, at the Nurses' Residence. The President, Miss Burnett, presided. Miss Savage, Supervisor of Kindergartens, gave a most interesting and instructive talk on "Entertaining Sick and Convalescing Children."

Miss Crosby, editor of The Canadian Nurse, always a welcome visitor, spoke on "Registration for Nurses." All nurses resident in the city were invited. Many came to show their interest in Registration, but many were prevented because of the storm.

The Graduating Exercises of the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Fergus, were held in the Opera House on Friday evening, February 24th, at 8 o'clock. The graduating nurses were:—Miss E. L. Hutton, Durham; Miss H. Hansen, Wiarton; Miss Jean Campbell, Snelgrove; Miss Ida Campbell, Snelgrove; Miss Annie Weir, Durham.

Rev. R. A. Hiltz addressed the graduating class. After the reading of the Pledge by the class, Dr. Groves, Medical Superintendent, presented the nurses with their diplomas and badges. Miss Weir read the Class Essay.

The regular monthly lecture, under the auspices of the G.N.A.O. Executive, was held at The Residence, Hospital for Sick Children, on Friday evening, February 24th. Mrs. James L. Hughes gave a most interesting address on "Woman's Relationship to Civic Responsibility." The speaker outlined the trials and dangers of the woman who enters commercial life, and emphasized the

need of right ideals. Woman may do much to bring about a purer world, a purer society, a purer civic life.

A mistake occurred in the announcement of the Graduation Exercises of the Swan River Hospital, which appeared in the January number. Miss Downey was spoken of as the first graduate. In March, 1909, two nurses, Miss Fraser and Miss Sinclair, received diplomas from this hospital.

Miss C. C. Fraser, graduate of St. Michael's Hospital, who has for some years been Superintendent of Midland and Penetang Marine Hospital, is doing private nursing in Toronto.

Miss A. Weyer, who has been absent from Toronto for some years, has returned, to resume private nursing.

Miss Winterholt, who has had charge of St. Joseph's Hospital, Peterboro, has returned to Toronto to take up private nursing.

Miss K. Ryan and Miss M. O'Boyle, graduates of St. Michael's Hospital, Class '08, entered the community of The Sisters of St. Joseph a few weeks ago. Miss Young and Miss Lalone, also St. Michael's graduates, entered a year ago. These young ladies are not lost to the profession, for at some future date they will be placed in different institutions, where they will assist in training other young women for our noble calling.

Mrs. P. W. O'Brien entertained the Alumnae Association of St. Michael's Hospital at her home in January. A Sick Benefit Fund was discussed, and a Constitution outlined. A very pleasant hour was enjoyed by all.

Miss Anna Connor, graduate St. Michael's Hospital, has been appointed Assistant Registrar of The Toronto Central Registry of Graduate Nurses.

The Florence Nightingale Association held its regular meeting on Friday evening, January 20th, at The Residence, Hospital for Sick Children. Miss McKenzie, First Vice-President, occupied the chair. The Association keenly regrets the departure of Miss Kennedy, its President, but its interest and good wishes follow her to her new field of labor in Victoria, B.C. The meetings will in future be held every six weeks, instead of quarterly. The annual meeting will be held in March.

The regular monthly meeting of the Toronto Central Registry of Graduate Nurses was held Monday, February, 11th, 1911, Miss Fralich in the chair. The Treasurer's report was read, as follows:—Balance in savings account, $1,083.09; balance in current account, $220.89; received for fees, $303.50; received for charts, $9.50; total, $1,616.98. Disbursements, $102.08. Balance, $1,514.90. There were 231 calls during January, an increase of 49 calls over January, 1910. Some slight changes in the constitution were found necessary and decided upon. Several applications for the position of Assistant Registrar were considered, but no appointment made. At a special meeting, held February 17th, Miss A. M. Connor was appointed Assistant Registrar.

ROSE M. KIMMETT, Secretary.

The sixth annual meeting of the Victoria Trained Nurses' Club was held in the Alexandra Club rooms Monday afternoon, February 6th, 1911. The following officers were elected for the year:—President, Miss Clark, 37 Douglas St.; Vice-President, Miss E. H. Jones; Treasurer, Miss L. Goward; Assistant Treasurer, Miss McN. Jones; Secretary, Miss H. G. Turner; Assistant Secre-

tary, Miss E. Morrison; Treasurer for Sick Benefit Fund, Miss L. Goward. It was decided to hold our annual dance, April 26th. The proceeds will be used to start a fund to buy a Motor Ambulance as a memorial to Miss Florence Nightingale, the first and best of nurses.

The Club is trying to interest the Provincial Government in starting an up-to-date Dispensary, the work to include milk testing, pure food, etc.

A letter was read from C. M. Hood, Winnipeg, re organization of an excursion for Graduate Nurses to the Old Country, July to September. Cost to be $285.00 to $295.00, including tips, etc.

Reports from the retiring President, Miss McN. Jones; the Secretary, Treasurer, and Treasurer of Sick Benefit Fund, showed the Club to be in a flourishing condition. The meeting ended with a social cup of tea.

The General Hospital, St. John's Newfoundland, has been unfortunate in losing three Sisters from the Nursing Staff in less than six months. This time Sister Cowan (Miss A. Caslein) has been compelled to resign through ill-health. She has been advised to give up nursing for a year. At the end of that time it is hoped that she will again be able to resume her position on the Hospital Staff.

The Government of Newfoundland purpose erecting a Nurses' Residence in connection with the General Hospital, St. John's, as a memorial to his late Majesty, King Edward VII., who always actively associated himself with every movement for the alleviation of human suffering.

We are looking forward to an account of the Nursing Masque which was held on the evening of February 18th in the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London, England.

The Nurses of India purpose endowing a bed in Sudhiana Hospital in memory of Miss Thorpe.

The All-India Nightingale Memorial is to take the form of a set of five medals to be given as prizes to nurses. These are to be competed for by nurses in training at their final examinations. The competitions are limited to the largest hospital in each of the following Provinces:—Bengal, with Eastern Bengal and Assam; Punjab, with Northwest Frontier Provinces; United Provinces, with Central India; Bombay, with the Central Provinces; Madras, with the Deccan—until such time as there shall be a Central Examining Board or similar authority, when the competition would be open to all recognized training schools in each Province, as above.—Nursing Journal of India.

The Graduating Exercises of the Belleville General Hospital took place on January 19th. Four nurses—Misses Pearl Wilson, Eva Batshone, Emily Deyell and Margaret Morrison—received diplomas. Mr. J. W. Johnson, M.P.P., occupied the chair. Dr. McColl addressed the gradautes, Dr. Gibson presented the diplomas, and Mrs. P. Lewis appropriate badges. Miss Greene, Superintendent of the Hospital, presented her report, which was most satisfactory. Refreshments were served, and a most happy evening brought to a close.

"The Daily Colonist," Victoria, B.C., draws attention to the inauguration of a local branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses, under the supervision of Miss Kennedy, who is specially recommended by the Chief Superintendent,

Miss Mackenzie, of Ottawa. Our best wishes go with Miss Kennedy in her new field of labor. She will be much missed in Toronto, where she was most active in promoting the best interests of the nursing profession, as well as most successful in the practice of her chosen profession.

At the end of the Fall Term, 1910, the following students received their diplomas at the Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Institute and School of Mechano-Therapy (Inc.), 1711 Green Street, Philadelphia, Pa.:

In the Swedish System of Massage, Medical and Corrective Gymnastics, Electro and Hydro-Therapy:—Marion A. Mighton, Painesville, Ohio, Painesville Hospital; Laura C. Crocker, R.N., Graham, Va., Wilson Sanatorium, Wilson, N.Y.; Margaret S. Russel, Grand Rapids, Mich., City Hospital, Baltimore, Md., McKinley Sanatorium, Columbus, Miss.; Lulu B. Harriman, Mawr Glen, Pa., State Hospital, Danville, Pa.; Mary D. Thompson, Marion, Mass., Cottage Hospital, North Hatley, Quebec, Canada; Cora M. Chatham, Lock Haven, Pa.; Anna B. Dolan, New York, N.Y.; Eva M. Gillam, Flushing, N.Y.; Louise Lages, San Francisco, California, St. Francis' Hospital; Effie W. Ferris, Philadelphia, Pa.; Gunning Butler, Elyria, Ohio; Edward Faust, Philadelphia, Pa.; Wm. Becker, Howell, Mich., Grace Hospital, Detroit; Sylvanus W. Stevens, Tedrow, Ohio; Letchworth G. Perkins, Cortland, N.Y.

In Electro and Hydro-Therapeutic:—Eleanora B. Saunder, M.D., State Hospital for the Insane, Columbia, S.C.

In the Swedish System of Massage, Medical and Corrective Gymnastics:—Rosa Herenroth, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bertha L. D. Barnes, San Francisco, Cal.

The second section of the Winter Class begins on March 21st. The Spring Class commences May 23rd, and the Summer Class July 11th, 1911.

The American Journal of Nursing for February takes the form of a Memorial Number to Florence Nightingale, and contains a report of the Service Commemorative of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Founding of the First Nightingale Training School, held in Carnegie Hall, New York, last May. Facsimile reproductions of two letters written by Florence Nightingale to Miss Scovil are very interesting.

A Branch of the Guild of St. Barnabas is to be started in Victoria, B.C. Rev. A. J. Doull, Dean of Columbia, will be Chaplain.

Miss Ingersoll and Miss Fitch, late of the Fernie General Hospital, left a few days ago for Calgary, Alta., where they purpose taking up private work.

Miss Wyatt, who has been doing private nursing in Fernie, B.C., has charge of Dr. Higgins' private hospital in Hosmer, B.C., for a couple of months.

Miss Mitchell, of Brandon, arrived in Fernie a few days ago and is now one of the staff nurses in Fernie General Hospital.

Miss Gordon Miller, graduate of St. Michael's Hospital, leaves March 8th on a visit to Fort Francis. If she likes the place she may remain to do private nursing.

Miss Boyne, a St. Michael's graduate, who had a hospital position in Buffalo, has returned to do private nursing in Toronto.

Miss Shanahan, graduate of St. Michael's Hospital, has gone to Sudbury to do private nursing.

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Registry was held March 6th. The Registrar's report shows the Registry to be steadily growing in popularity, there being an increase of 81 calls for February, 1910. Twelve new members joined during February, and several applications were considered at the March meeting. Some minor matters of business were disposed of, and the meeting adjourned to meet again the first Monday in April.

ROSE KIMMITT, Secretary.

Miss McNaul, V.O.N., has been appointed district nurse on the Vancouver staff, and Miss Symonds on the Sydney, N.S., staff.

During the typhoid epidemic in Ottawa, Misses Shaw, Hill and Bottelet, Montreal, have been helping on the Ottawa district.

The annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Victorian Order of Nurses was held at Government House, Ottawa, March 2nd. An account of the proceedings will appear in a later issue of "The Canadian Nurse."

Miss Agnes Boyd, graduate Toronto General Hospital, is visiting friends in the city.

The friends of Miss Annie I. Brown will be sorry to hear of the continued illness of her father.

The Thunder Bay Graduate Nurses' Association held its regular meeting on March 2nd, with a good attendance. Five new members were received. The regular Nurses' Fee is $25.00 per week, or $4.00 per day. The Association, though young, is growing in interest and usefulness.

Miss May Brennan, graduate Hamilton City Hospital, Class '09, has been appointed Supervisor of the Operating Room in that hospital.

The Calgary Association of Graduate Nurses has opened a new Nurses' Home and Registry Office at 934 Fifteenth Ave. West. The officers are:—President, Miss Florence H. Saunders; Secretary, Miss Esleu C. Templeton; Registrar, Miss Edith M. Rutherford. Any information will be gladly given on application to the Secretary, 511 Second St. West.

The Alumnae Association of the G. and M. Hospital, St. Catharines, held its regular meeting in the Board Room of the Hospital on Thursday, February 23rd. The President, Miss Knox, occupied the chair. There was a good attendance. After the disposal of business, Miss Crosby, President of The Graduate Nurses' Association of Ontario, gave an address on "Registration for Nurses." Some discussion followed. Refreshments were served, and a social half hour was much enjoyed by all present.

MARRIED.

LEMON—HANLAN—At the home of the bride's parents, "Shady Dell," Wellandport, by the Rev. W. G. Stevens, Mr. H. Hamilton Lemon, of Lethbridge, Alta., to Annie E., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Hanlan. Mr. and Mrs. Lemon will reside in Lethbridge. Mrs. Lemon is a graduate of Hamilton City Hospital, Class '05.

LOFTUS—KELLY—At Holy Family Church, on February 8th. Julia Kelly, graduate of St. Michael's Hospital, Class '04, to S. Loftus. Mr. and Mrs. Loftus will reside in Appo, Ont.

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The usual technic is as follows: The patient is given an ordinary bath the day previous to the operation; the part to be operated upon is washed well with soap and water, using a gauze sponge or other soft material so as not to injure the skin; then shave if necessary and apply sterile gauze pad covering the operative field. When the patient is placed on the table the pad is removed, the skin flushed with ether, alcohol, and painted with fresh tincture of iodine (U.S.P.)—a gauze sponge in a haemostatic forcep serves nicely as applicator—and allowed to dry, then apply the iodine again and proceed with the operation. After closing the wound apply the iodine along the line of sutures and press as usual. The application of ether dissolves the fat out of the skin, and is particularly indicated in accident cases when the injured part is greasy.

Water and soap should not be used just before applying iodine, as the water will swell the epithelium and the iodine will not penetrate deep enough, which is the very important factor of this technic. The iodine method is for the purpose of supplanting the scrubbing and washing, and should not be used in conjunction, as it only complicates and defeats the original purpose, of time saving, simplicity and germicidal action.

I think much injury is done to wounds, where the parts are badly mangled or crushed, by over-zealous scrubbing with bichloride and a harsh brush, which no doubt adds to shock, and besides devitalizing the tissues still more, thereby rendering the wound more liable to infection. In crushing injuries it is my practice to apply the iodine freely to the wound.

In emergency work iodine is particularly convenient and effective, it can be carried in a glass-stoppered bottle in the instrument case, and is usually applied pure or in strength of one dram to the pint or quart. It often happens when called to see accident cases there are no clean basins, or water to mix up solutions in. Here is where ideal results may be obtained by sponging the dirt from the wound with sterile gauze and swabbing it with the pure tincture. Iodine is fast supplanting the bichloride of mercury in the operating room. One dram to the quart to rinse the hands, while one dram to the pint is used to irrigate wounds. In very urgent cases demanding immediate laparotomy, use ether, alcohol, and paint with iodine as previously mentioned and proceed with the operation.

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DEATHS

MUCKELL—Miss Emily Muckell, Graduate Middlesex Hospital, England, died January 14th, 1911, at the Vancouver General Hospital, of scarlet fever.

Miss Mary Scrace, Class 1913, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, died on January 10th, following an operation for appendicitis. She was devoted to her profession. Her amiable disposition and gentle, unassuming manner endeared her to all her associates. Her record in the school proved her aim to be the highest.

The Rev. C. W. Robinson, Davisville, Ont., of whose church she was a member, conducted a service at the hospital, which was attended by the officers and nurses of the Training School.

Miss Harriet M. Putnam, Acting Superintendent of Saratoga Hospital, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., passed away at that institution, after a very brief illness, on January 22nd.

Miss Putnam was a graduate of Grace Hospital Training School for Nurses, Toronto, Class '08. She was Night Supervisor in Grace Hospital for three and a half months, then went to Saratoga Hospital, where she was Night Supervisor for a year, when she was promoted to the position of Assistant Superintendent. The following resolution testifies to her worth as a nurse and a noble woman:—

At the regular meeting of the managers of the Saratoga Hospital, on Wednesday, February, 8th, 1911, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, by a mysterious Providence, Miss Harriet M. Putnam, a valued and beloved official of the Hospital, has been taken from us;

"Therefore, resolved, That in her death the Saratoga Hospital has suffered a great loss, as by her ability, loyalty and unfailing devotion to those who came within her sphere of action, she endeared herself alike to all. Her bright, cheerful courage was an inspiration, and her more than willing acceptance of arduous and unexpected responsibilities will not be forgotten by those with whom she labored for the relief of suffering, and we feel that a life of great promise has been cut short.

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cases of typhoid, the patients were also maternity cases. In four cases help was given to wives who had been deserted and were left in illness with young children on their hands. No estimate can be given of the number of office consultations made by visitors and poor people, nor can we record the calls by telephone and the number of letters written to relatives, employers and the different societies. The registration, writing up of cases and cataloguing them, required many hours of systematic work, these records proving useful throughout the year to individuals and societies wishing to look up families.

Between two and three thousand articles of clothing have been given away by nurses and visitors. One to two quarts of milk for one to two months have been sent to 21 poor families suffering from typhoid or tuberculosis. Fuel was provided 19 times. Groceries, soup and other food were sent to almost every family at least once, and sometimes for a few weeks, until the illness had ended, or permanent relief from other sources had been provided. Rent has been paid 27 times, funeral expenses three times, and two loans have been made to respectable people in distress through illness. Work has been found for thirty people. Six children and one mother have been placed in homes, and one child sent to the hospital.

Two people were provided with spectacles after having been taken to have their eyes examined, thereby enabling them to work and earn their own living. Two cases were sent to the Home for Incurables. Four typhoid convalescents and two tubercular patients were given from ten days to three months in the country to re-establish their health; two others were placed in a home in the city for a fortnight for convalescence. One family, whose father we buried after typhoid, was sent to the United States, after having been clothed, fed and housed through several weeks of distress.

The year closed with only half a dozen families on our books, and it is with satisfaction that we record the more prosperous conditions of the sick poor of our city. At Christmas time friends of the Order were able to place 119 Christmas dinners with poor families recommended to the committee by the nurses as having no other prospect of Christmas cheer. Through this office, too, several hundred children were invited to Christmas trees or were provided with toys in their homes.

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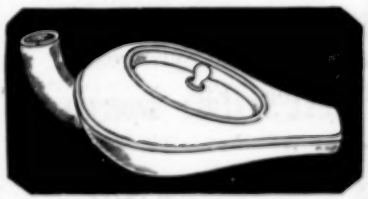

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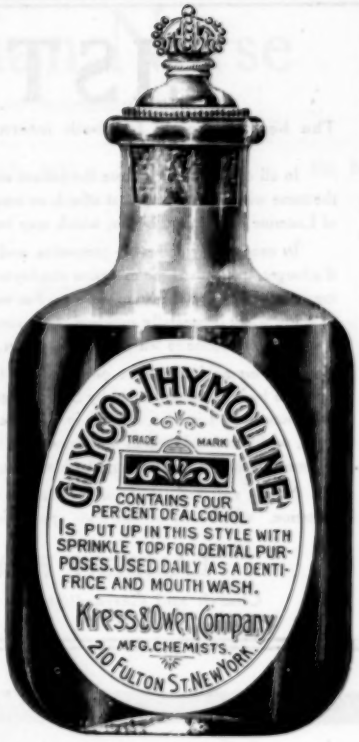
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